

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

VINAY KUMAR THANIKONDA;
BHAVANA GUDI; and K.T.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,

Defendants.

C25-0317 TSZ

ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Court upon a complaint in the nature of mandamus concerning an I-526E petition and related I-485 applications to register permanent residence or adjust status. Having reviewed the complaint in this matter, the Court concludes that this proceeding is exempt from the initial disclosure requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1)(A) and the initial conference requirements of Rule 26(f). *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(B)(i).

To facilitate entry of an appropriate scheduling order in this matter, and pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 and Local Rule CR 16, counsel are directed to confer and to file a JOINT STATUS REPORT **by April 25, 2025**. The conference among counsel shall be by direct and personal communication, whether via face-to-face

1 meeting or telephonic conference. The Joint Status Report must contain the following
2 information by corresponding paragraph numbers:

3 1. A concise statement of the positions of the parties concerning the relief
4 requested in the complaint.

5 2. A summary of the procedural posture of the case and/or the status of the
6 proceedings before the federal agency at issue, including whether final agency action has
7 occurred or is expected to occur in the near future.

8 3. A proposed deadline for filing of the administrative record.

9 4. A proposed deadline for filing of dispositive motions.

10 5. An indication whether trial will be required in this matter and, if so, an
11 indication (i) when the matter will be ready for trial; (ii) whether such trial will be jury or
12 non-jury; and (iii) how long such trial is anticipated to take.

13 6. An indication whether the parties agree that a full-time Magistrate Judge
14 may conduct all proceedings, including trial and the entry of judgment, under 28 U.S.C.
15 § 636(c) and Local Rule MJR 13. The Magistrate Judge who will be assigned the case is
16 the Honorable Michelle L. Peterson. Agreement in the Joint Status Report will constitute
17 the parties' consent to referral of the case to the assigned Magistrate Judge.

18 7. An indication whether any party wishes a scheduling conference before a
19 scheduling order is entered in this case. If the parties are unable to agree on any part of
20 the Joint Status Report, they may answer in separate paragraphs. **No separate reports**
21 **are to be filed.**

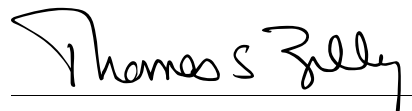
1 The time for filing the Joint Status Report may be extended only by court order.
2 Any request for extension should be made by telephone to chambers. If the parties wish
3 to have a status conference with the Court at any time during the pendency of this action,
4 they should contact chambers. Finally, if this matter is resolved by further agency action
5 or settled, the parties shall immediately notify chambers. Chambers may be reached at
6 206-370-8830.

7 This Order is issued at the outset of the case, and a copy is sent by the Clerk to
8 counsel for plaintiffs and any defendants who have appeared. Plaintiffs' counsel is
9 directed to serve copies of this Order on all parties who appear after this Order is filed,
10 within fourteen (14) days of receipt of service of each appearance. Plaintiffs' counsel
11 will be responsible for starting the communications needed to comply with this Order.

12 Failure by any party to fully comply with this Order may result in the imposition
13 of sanctions, including dismissal of the case.

14 IT IS SO ORDERED.

15 Dated this 24th day of February, 2025.

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18 Thomas S. Zilly
19 United States District Judge
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